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US PATENTS ON YOGA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US Patents & Trademarks Office (USPTO) has sanctioned yoga related copy rights trade marks on yoga accessories and yoga trade marks so far and an application for grant of patents of yoga practiced in steam room is under its consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken up the matter with the US Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of US Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) & (b): A search of United States Patent and Trade Mark Office (USPTO) database by the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks shows that the USPTO has granted 168 patents mainly in yoga related devices and accessories, such as, yoga mattresses, grip block, yoga socks, devices for stretching, etc. Similarly, there are about 3700 trademarks on yoga accessories which have been listed in the database of registered and pending trade marks by USPTO. However, the search of USPTO database has not produced any result with regard to pendency of any application for grant of patent on yoga practised in steam room.

(c): No, sir.

(d): Question does not arise.